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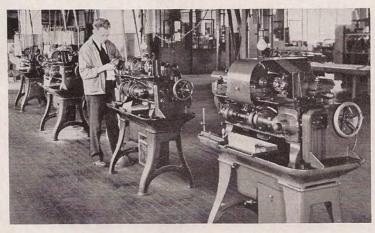
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The latest type of automatic machinery is used for precision in the manufacture of Waterman's pen and pencil barrels.

The L. E. Waterman Company

Maintains Factories and Service Stations at the Following Addresses:

HEAD OFFICE	EUROPEAN AND OTHER OFFICES
"The Pen Corner," 191 Broadway New York FACTORIES 140 Thomas Street Newark N I	"The Pen Corner," 41 Kingsway London, W. C. 2 6 Rue Monsigny Paris 50, Rue Dansaert Brussels
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NOTHING BUT WATERMAN'S WILL SATISFY THEM

AMID ALL THE REPORTS of a big improvement in retail sales this fall, Waterman's dealers can consider themselves especially fortunate. When the public has more money to spend, not only are more gifts bought, but higher prices are paid. Thus former buyers of low-priced goods can now afford and will demand Waterman's quality—insuring greater pleasure to the recipient, and a more profitable sale to you.

Bolstered by beautiful new designs, our line will continue to attract public favor. You have only to glance through these pages to gather an idea of its diversity and its popular appeal—and knowing Waterman's, you can unhesitatingly recommend its purchase by your every customer.

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Hints to Help Your Xmas Sales

The appropriateness of Waterman merchandise for Christmas gifts does not have to be emphasized to anyone familiar with our line of fountain pens, writing sets, and desk sets. Just turn the pages of this issue of The Pen Prophet and a wealth of suggestions present themselves—catering to every taste and every pocketbook. In addition, we hope the paragraphs below will be found to contain helpful hints. It is not too late to send in your order for a stock of Christmas gift items that will assure you your share of the best holiday business in many years. Preference in filling and shipping will be given to orders written on the special order blank enclosed with this issue of The Pen Prophet.

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Make sure your stock is equipped to provide gifts of the correct pen containing the right point for various types of individuals in your community.

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For instance, many executives would like a No. 7 Emerald Ray pen and pencil set—the pen fitted with a yellow reversible point. This point is ideal for the man who uses a pen largely for his flourishing signature, yet the duo-point feature is often useful and will be appreciated.

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A No. 94 or an Ink-Vue with Green or Purple points—sturdy and long-lasting—makes just the gift for the young business man or the college and high school student. Suggest these to sweethearts and parents looking for suggestions.

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Lady Patricia with fine and medium points—be sure to have fine in stock—will be in demand as the correct gift to any lady. Even a mere man can comprehend why this woman's own pen cannot fail to please.

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Where the price of Lady Patricia is too high, don't overlook the 92V and 3V ladies' sets. This is what we mean when we say Waterman's Christmas gifts fit any pocketbook.

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For the older matron some Christmas shoppers will prefer a small desk set to be placed on home secretary or table. Our line this Fall includes many smart and truly feminine sets.

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If you are in the habit of giving holiday gifts to doctors or stationery buyers, you can present no more lasting or appreciated reminder than some item from your Waterman's stock.

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Devote at least a portion of your window to fountain pen sets and desk sets. They constitute one of the most acceptable gifts for anyone. Christmas window shoppers will be glad of the suggestion. Our new free Christmas display material is described on another page—get your copy of the best Santa Claus cut-out we have had in years for your window and for your counter.

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Be sure to make use of our new Christmas boxes to give a holiday atmosphere to your pen counter. A little "dressing up" by a rearrangement of your stock—giving prominence to new items—and the addition of pen and pencil sets displayed in gift boxes will add materially in attracting attention to your Pen Department and suggesting pens as gifts to your customers.

Don't forget that for every Waterman's Pen there is a perfectly matching pencil. Also bear in mind

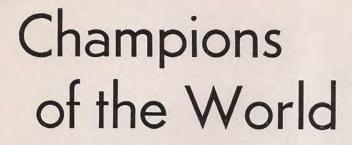
that there are hundreds of people—right in your community—who will appreciate the gift of a Waterman's Pencil to match their Waterman's Pen. It will pay you to remind your customers of this!

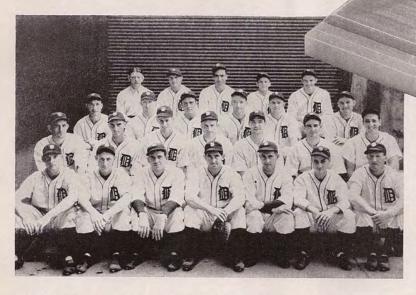
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This year don't neglect the sales possibilities of Correspondence Ink. This good looking bottle will have a decided appeal if grouped with your fancy writing paper. Oh, yes. You can sell ink at Christmas time.



Correspondence Ink
Six unusual colors in a
smart bottle, 15c.





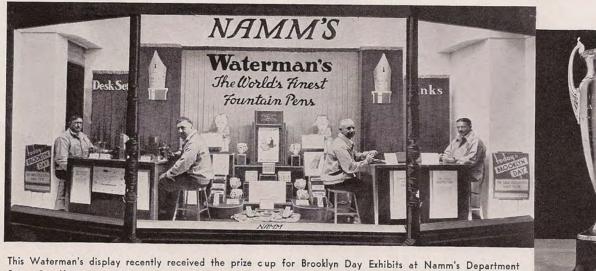
The World Champion Detroit Tigers and the Waterman's Desk Set presented to each one of the players.

In baseball this year it is the Detroit Tigers, and in pens—you've guessed it—Waterman's again! As a tribute to their baseball prowess, each member of the Tigers has received one of the specially designed and appropriately engraved Waterman's Desk Sets illustrated above, a gift from the Detroit Chamber of Commerce. The sale of these thirty-eight desk sets was made by the Enggass Jewelry Company of Detroit, "The store where Grandma and Grandpa bought." This enterprising Waterman's dealer is one of Detroit's oldest jewelry stores, being founded seventy years ago.

Be on the lookout for similar opportunities in your city. Our Desk Set Designing Department will be glad to assist you with suggestions for Waterman's Desk Sets appropriate for any occasion.

In Montreal

The members of the Montreal Royals, winners of the 1935 International League championship, were each presented with a handsome Waterman's pen and pencil set through the courtesy of Dupuis Freres, Limitee, of Montreal, Canada's largest French Canadian Department Store.



This Waterman's display recently received the prize cup for Brooklyn Day Exhibits at Namm's Department Store, Brooklyn, N. Y. The workmen at one table slit and ground gold pens in the window while demonstrating the process to the public. At the other table, pens were assembled and the operation of INK-VUE shown.

DO YOU BLOTTO?











If you don't, you've missed the season's most diverting indoor pastime—just the thing for the coming long winter evenings. The Blottos pictured here will give you some idea of the amusing and attractive results that can be produced. And it's really all very simple.

Just provide yourself with a number of fair-sized sheets of white paper—about $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ preferably—and some Waterman's Ideal Ink. Fold the sheets down the middle the long way into two equal halves and crease. Open up the paper again and place a few drops of ink on one half of a sheet in the vicinity of the fold. An ink or medicine dropper—or your fountain pen—will be ideal for the purpose.

Then fold the other half of the sheet on top of the ink and you are ready to Blotto. With the fingers, press out the drops of ink between the halves of the folded paper in various directions. When the ink has ceased running, open up the paper and there is your Blotto!

The idea is to see who can make the most attractive design, or the one that looks most like a butterfly, insect or other object selected. A little practice will enable you to place the ink drops to best advantage for the design you are striving for. As you can see, it's a fine diverting game for a party.

If you can draw a little, you can make designs like the ballet dancer and face shown—just outline one half on one side of the sheet and Blotto! Be sure to use ample ink on your outlines and a full drop for solid areas.

The possibilities of Blotto are greatly increased if colored inks are used. Drops of ink of various colors will produce multi-colored Blottos of curiously blended shades.

Waterman's Inks are available in the following colors:

Blue Black Red Jet Black Green Blue Violet

—and the Correspondence Ink colors:

Spanish Tile South Sea Blue Tropic Green Aztec Brown

Patrician Purple





We will be glad to supply dealers with reprints of this page for distribution to customers. Here's a chance to increase sales of both paper and ink.

\$10

Here are some highly appropriate gift styles for men.

The Patrician is still the aristocrat of pens and will make a truly de luxe gift that any man will be proud to own.

No. 7 — with its many well-known features — is especially liked by the business man. Many men will prefer its rich Jet and Gold coloring.

However, others will desire the gracefully designed No. 7 — but in a brighter color. They will be enthusiastic about Waterman's exclusive Emerald Ray design.



XMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS





SPLENDID GIFTS AROUND



resent the very greatest values in fountain pens for their prices!

No. 32 Jet — and the somewhat shorter No. 32V Jet — make ideal gifts for boys and girls.

Nos. 3 and 3V are suggested for those who prefer a more colorful pen than Jet.

Nos. 92 and 92V - because of their gold-filled trim—have a still greater richness and value.

Nos. 3 and 92 made in Steel Quartz, Black Pearl and Green Pearl. Nos. 3V and 92V in same colors and Claret.



Inventor of Fountain Pen Nominated to Hall of Fame

A signal honor has come this year to Lewis Edson Waterman, the man who made practical the fountain pen for every day writing. Along with seventy-five other prominent Americans from all walks of life, he has been nominated for the Hall of Fame, which is located on the Campus of New York University in New York City. The Hall of Fame elections are held every five years and to be eligible the nominee must have been dead at least twenty-five years.

This year ten inventors have been nominated, accounting for articles as varied as the steamboat and safety pin, the automatic reaper and the machine gun.

An accident lead to the discovery of the process of vulcanizing rubber by Charles Goodyear. He was trying to "cure" rubber by mixing with sulphur, but without success, until one day a bit of the mixture was dropped on the top of a hot stove.

John Ericcson, a naval engineer, was the first to place a marine engine below the waterline of a vessel. He was the inventor of the iron-clad warships in universal use today.

Walter Hunt invented approximately thirty articles in addition to the safety pin and among them was a very crude fountain pen which depended on a sponge to feed the ink from the reservoir to the nib.

It was just such a pen which Lewis Edson Waterman was using in his insurance work in New York City in the 1880's when he lost a large contract because the pen refused to write and then flooded ink all over the insurance application. A rival signed up the prospect before Mr. Waterman's policy could be rewritten and he, therefore, determined to study fountain pens and construct one that would write properly. The famous three-fissure feed was the result, and with the issuance of his patent on February 12th, 1884, the L. E. Waterman Company was founded.

10 Inventors Nominated for Hall of Fame Lead Colorful Lives



This Repair Business

Some merchants make the mistake of losing profitable pen repair business just because they are not equipped with a pen repair shop of their own. Obviously, not everyone has the space, help, or volume of business to make the establishment of a repair section worth while.

Do not forget, however, that our own pen repair stations at each of our branch offices are at your service. Repairs sent us from your store are returned promptly. Mail pens to us daily and thus give quick repair service.

It will prove not only good business financially for you to take in any repair jobs that come along, but also it will impress customers with your service and desire to please. This pays dividends in sales later on. The Waterman's Service Station that supplies you will be glad to send you Pen Repair Envelopes and instructions.

Waterman's Chosen by Another Exposition

Another expedition has selected Waterman's as the ideal writing equipment for use in the field. This time it's the party headed by Capt. E. Erskine Loch, seeking data for the Museum of the American Indian in the little explored jungles of the upper Amazon and the Andes mountains. Tropic heat and mountain cold are the temperature extremes to be undergone—so Waterman's was the logical selection, as they have proved their dependability many times on similar occasions.

The expedition has as one object the study of the interesting Ssabela Indians, known as a "phantom tribe," because of the extreme difficulty of making contact with them. They are also to investigate the lake high in the Andes in which the Inca nation supposedly hid its treasure from the Spanish conquerors.

THE SATURDAY
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REDBOOK

THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE

Esquire ENAGA PRINE FOR MEN

NEW YORKER
OPEN FOR BOYS

TIME
The Weekly Newsmagazine

Anerican Boy

BOYS'LIFE

Waterman's Xmas Advertising

Over $12\frac{1}{2}$ million copies of the above magazines, each carrying Waterman's Christmas ad, will be put in circulation between now and December 15. Figuring the average of $2\frac{1}{2}$ readers per copy there will be 31 million readers to see our Christmas message in magazines alone.

In addition, a very extensive newspaper campaign will begin in December in 95 leading papers in the nation's principal trading centers. The newspaper advertising will include both Sunday and daily issues with copy directing the public to your store.

One of our magazine advertisements is printed on the back of this issue of The Pen Prophet, illustrating the leading gift items. Attractive ads of this character will urge readers to make their gifts Self-Starting Waterman's—the

ideal gift because it combines beauty, quality, long life and daily usefulness.

The magazine list itself is composed of ten of the leading magazines with national circulation—including the most prominent Weeklies and Monthlies. It caters to every taste and preference among magazine readers. In addition, three prominent Boys' Magazines will be used with special copy for the younger generation.

Our Christmas advertising in both magazines and newspapers will create great interest in Waterman's merchandise for holiday gifts. Your only problem is to make sure the public knows that your store is equipped to supply the merchandise described in our advertising. The problem is easily solved by the use of the advertising materials described on the opposite page which are yours for the asking.

The Features and Main Uses of Waterman's

Blue Black and Blue Inks are emphasized in a series of small cutout display pieces which we have just prepared. These small cards fit over our 2 oz. ink cartons as illustrated on the right. They are attractively printed in colors, insuring an effective ink display. Order a set on the enclosed order blank.



Waterman's

Our 1935 Xmas folder A-111 which is shown to the right is one of the most colorful we have had in years and it illustrates all the leading gift items in our line. It folds to $3\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{4}$ "—just right to be included in your mailings. A supply on your counter will serve as a miniature catalogue for your pen department.

Prepared Newspaper Ads

If you advertise in your local paper you will want to run one or more ads telling the people of your community that your store is the place to purchase Water-

man's Christmas gifts. We will be happy to send you mats or electros of ads specially written from your viewpoint in 1 and 2 column widths.

And Slides, Too!

Many of our dealers increase their Waterman's sales through the use of our colored movie slides at their local theatres.

This year's Christmas slides are especially attractive. Why not let us send you several showing your business name and address? Of course, we make no charge for our slides.

Want a Santa for Your Xmas Window?

Here's ours for 1935—and we think it's a dandy . . . one of the best in our long line of popular Christmas display pieces. Can't you visualize it right in the center of your Christmas display trim? The bright colors will stop passersby and call attention to your gift line of Waterman's and other items as well.

If you haven't received one—write at once and we'll send it promptly. In two sizes, No. 763, 21 x 30, for the window, and No. 764, $11\frac{1}{2}$ x 16, for the counter. Or if you prefer, ask for 1935 Christmas Display "A" for larger windows, "B" for smaller ones.

Use the 1935 Xmas Folder

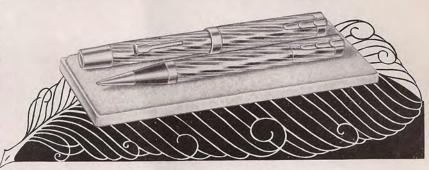
It's not too late to get your supply of Christmas circulars. Just send in your business card for our guidance in imprinting your name and address and let us know what quantity you'd like to receive.



Lady Patricia's Debut in Sterling Silver

Jewelers especially will be interested in the news that popular Lady Patricia is now being made in sterling silver models. The attractive set shown is called "Cable Twist" and sells for \$12 the pen, \$8 the pencil—and is ideally suited to those who want something new in full mounted writing equipment.

A Lady Patricia set with full length plain sterling mountings is also available. This has space for a rather long inscription or permits you to engrave a special design. The pen \$10, the pencil \$5.



Lady Patricia "Cable Twist" Sterling Silver Writing Set.

WATCH FOR THESE MEN!

Dealers in the northeastern states have been victimized by a young man purporting to be a representative of various pen manufacturers, including Waterman's, sent to overhaul and put in condition their pen stocks. He cleans pens and makes minor repairs and adjustments, apparently doing the work well, but he removes the gold pen points and substitutes cheap ones made of inferior metals. Apparently, because of the present high value of gold, he is able to make a living from the gold obtained in this manner. Calls have been made not only on dealers, but on some of their larger customers in offices where many pens are in use. The thief is described as about twenty-five years of age, with dark hair and eyes, well dressed, accompanied by an elderly gentleman and traveling in a light coupe.

In the middle west and on the Pacific Coast druggists, especially, should be on the lookout against renting counter space for a sale of razor blades put on by the fictitious "Waterman Advertising Syndicate." While often not explained to the merchant, this racket involves a sale of inferior fountain pens and razor blades played up under the name "Waterman's" and fooling many of your customers into believing they are genuine Waterman pens. The L. E. Waterman Company has no connection with either the fountain pens or razor blades sold in this manner and would be very glad to have any information as to those responsible for such sales.

TEXAS CENTENNIAL

Dealers in Texas and the Southwest will be interested to know that Waterman's will be shown at the Texas Centennial Central Exposition to be held in Dallas, June to November, 1936. We have reserved what is probably the most prominent location in the Varied Industries Building—which will be situated in one of the most interesting parts of the Exposition near a main entrance to the grounds.

Although you will be given further information in the coming months, we invite all our friends now to visit us there next summer.

The oldest store of any kind in Meridian, Mississippi, is that of our good dealers, Meyer and Schamber Jewelry Company, and in all the years they have been in business they have never sold any pen except a Waterman's.

DESK SETS

In this issue of the Pen Prophet you will find a four-page insert illustrating some of our leading desk sets. You will not only want to consider these for your gift sales, but we suggest you remove this insert and place it in your catalogue of Waterman's pens and pencils for future reference or to show customers contemplating the purchase of a desk set.



The Tip - Fill Bottle 4 oz. Blue Black 25c.

When ink becomes low, tip the bottle in any direction to a new base. Your pen can easily get at every drop.

TIP-FILL BOTTLE MAKES A NOVEL EXTRA GIFT

We are so enthusiastic over our Tip-Fill bottle that we cannot leave it out of even our Christmas issue. As a matter of fact, it is going to play an important part in Christmas sales—if you do your part in displaying and suggesting it.

The other day we overheard a man, buying his first bottle, say, "This gives me an idea! My family always has a get-together on Christmas Day and I'm going to give everybody, including the cook, one of these Tip-Fill bottles. It's the snappiest looking ink bottle I ever saw—and this tipping feature to help you get at the last drops of ink is a real step forward."

And so we say, for an inexpensive present where a great many must be given, the Tip-Fill Bottle has the required attractiveness, novelty and utility. Or it makes an ideal "fill-in" gift where "some extra little thing" is wanted.

INK-VUE TIP-FILL

The No. 84 INK-VUE TIP-FILL pen is offered to you to round out your Waterman's stock and to enable you to answer possible demands for a "Waterman's quality" fountain pen but with a visible ink feature. We can truly say that our INK-VUE pen is a perfected visible ink model inasmuch as it embodies every desirable feature of other visible ink pens but with none of their drawbacks. Gracefully designed in our beautiful and exclusive Emerald Ray or Silver Ray—and with a simple fool-proof mechanism, INK-VUE is by all odds the best-looking and the most practical visible ink pen on the market today.

The double strength barrel permits double the ink supply of an ordinary fountain pen — thus allowing longer writing per filling.

The ink supply in INK-VUE is visible at all times. Thus you are notified when to refill and are spared the annoyance of a dry pen away from a supply of ink. Filling INK-VUE is simplicity itself. And, unlike most visible ink pens, it is just as easy to empty INK-VUE as it is to fill it. There are no pistons or packing to wear out and give you trouble.

INK-VUE is also equipped with our patented Tip-Fill feed that enables pen to be completely filled by submerging it in ink just deep enough to cover vent hole as shown at lower right. Bottom of holder does not touch the ink. Thus there is no after-filling cleaning necessary or ink on fingers.

And last but not least, when your prospect buys an INK-VUE he can be sure that he will not see its beautiful design copied in a cheap grade pen. The Emerald Ray (illustrated) and the Silver Ray designs in which INK-VUE pens are offered to your customers are protected by United States Design Patent No. 96,914—and, therefore, can be used only on a Waterman's.



THE PERFECTED VISIBLE INK MODEL











NO ENVELOPE OR STAMP IS REQUIRED

...... Fold Order Blank twice to this line and seal flap

To L. E. Waterman Company, 191 Broadway, New York

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	Cable Twist: pens Full Covered, plain: pens	@	9 \$12	

Ink 2 dozen Correspondence Ink, assorted colors @ \$1.80 per dozen 12 dozen Tip-Fill Ink, 4 oz. Blue Black @ \$3.00 per dozen

Desk Sets (See 2nd cover and 4 page insert)

3.00

2.75

2.75

10	Advertising Materials
11	Christmas Display Assortment "A" for larger windows
	Christmas Display Assortment "B" for smaller windows
	Set of display cards for 102-602 Ink.
	Mats or electros of 1 column or 2 column Christmas advertisements
	Colored Christmas Advertising slides for theatre use

Your Christmas Order on This Blank Will Have Preference

in selection and shipping

Waterman's Nib Selection Chart



RED Standard

A splen did correspondence point of medium flexibility. Suits most



YELLOW Rounded

The tip is ball shape. Writes smoothly on any paper in any direction. Fine for lefthanded writers.



PURPLE Stiff-fine

Makes thin, clear lines and small figures. Ideal for accountants and Gregg short-hand.



PINK Flexible-fine

A smoothwriting, fine point. So flexible it will shade at any angle. For Pitmanshort-



BLUE

An improved stub, slightly oblique. Makes thick or thin characteristic stub strokes as desired.



GREEN

Rigid
A durable; stiff point of medium width. Best for carbon copy work. Won't shade under press



BROWN Fine

A finely tapered point for general use. Writes smoothly, does not

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